

**DETERMINING AN AMOUNT OF DATA  
READ FROM A STORAGE MEDIUM**

**ABSTRACT**

5           Data is read in response to a request for a predetermined  
amount of data. The amount of data that has been read is  
determined prior to completing reading the predetermined  
amount of data. The predetermined amount of data may include  
prefetch data and demand data, where demand data is data for a  
10 computer program and prefetch data is data adjacent to the  
demand data.